

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Emily L. Slaughter, widow of Commander A. G. Slaughter, praying a pension, beg leave to report:*

That it appears that at the second session of the 33d Congress, the petitioner made application for a pension, and that the committee, after having had the same under consideration, submitted a report, which your committee beg leave in part to adopt:

“Commander Slaughter died of ‘softening of the brain,’ while on leave of absence. It is alleged that the disease was contracted in the line of duty, while cruising off the coast of Africa. The only evidence presented to sustain this allegation, is the opinion of the attending physicians that the disease was the result of service in an enervating climate. The records of the department afford no evidence as to the time when, or how the disease was contracted, and the surgeon of Commander Slaughter’s ship is now on duty on the West India station.

“If it can be shown (which the committee think has not been satisfactorily done in these papers) that Commander Slaughter died of disease contracted in service, in the line of duty, the widow ‘would be entitled under the general laws.’ Upon presenting the proper proofs at the Pension office, the claim, so far as it accords with the pension laws, will be allowed without the interference of any special legislation.

“The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.”

